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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14058

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, GW, WB, BU, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIET CITIZEN REQUESTS WEST BERLIN VISA IN
PASSPORT VALID FOR TRAVEL ONLY TO WEST BERLIN

1. AT AUGUST 26 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED THAT A SOVIET CITIZEN HAD APPLIED AT THE FRG EMBASSY IN SOFIA FOR A VISA FOR A 20-DAY VISIT TO WEST BERLIN. HER PASSPORT WAS VALID FOR TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN ONLY, NOT TO THE FRG. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID THE FRG SUSPECTS THAT THIS REPRESENTED A "TEST CASE" BY THE SOVIETS TO DETERMINE THE FRG RESPONSE AND HAS ASKED ITS MISSIONS TO BE ALERT TO SIMILAR CASES. THE FRG EMBASSY WAS DIRECTED NOT TO ISSUE THE VISA, BUT TO INFORM THE APPLICANT THAT, AS A SOVIET CITIZEN, SHE WAS ENTITLED TO VISIT WEST BERLIN FOR UP TO THIRTY-ONE DAYS WITHOUT A VISA IF SHE COULD ESTABLISH THAT SHE HAD "AUTHENTIC PERSONAL REASONS" FOR HER VISIT THERE.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, VON BRAUNMUEHL AGREED THAT THE APPLICATION AT THE FRG EMBASSY WAS IMPLICIT RECOGNITION THAT THE FRG IS COMPETENT TO ISSUE VISAS FOR WEST BERLIN. HOWEVER, THE FRG VISA STAMP BY ITS TERMS ENCOMPASSES BOTH THE FRG AND BERLIN. FRG REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS IN INVALID

PASSPORTS WHICH THIS PASSPORT WAS TO THE EXTENT THAT
ITS VALIDITY WAS MORE LIMITED THAN THAT OF THE VISA.
3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE SOVIETS SOUGHT TO
GAIN FROM THIS PLOY (ASSUMING IT WAS A PLOY AND NOT
THE RESULT OF ERROR ON THE PART OF THE ISSUER OF THE
PASSPORT) EXCEPT SOMEHOW TO UNDERSCORE THEIR "INDEPENDENT
POLITICAL ENTITY" THESIS. THIS WOULD SEEM, HOWEVER,
TO BE OUTWEIGHED BY ADMITTING FRG COMPETENCE TO ISSUE
VISAS FOR WEST BERLIN.
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